

To: Terry Stewart, Town Manager, Town of Fort Myers Beach
From: Tom Babcock, Councilman, Town of Fort Myers Beach
Date: September 9, 2010
Subject: Redistribution of Beach Nourishment Reserves

In preparation for the Town Council Work Session on September 20, 2010, following is my proposal for redistributing the approximately \$1,250,000 that is currently in Beach Nourishment reserves.

1. \$50,000 – Already transferred to the General Fund.
Justification: To balance the TY 2011 budget which allowed the millage rate to be lowered.
2. \$110,000 – Leave in beach nourishment reserves to complete the north-end beach nourishment project in TY 2011.
Justification: The Town has committed to funding this project.
3. \$200,000 – Leave in beach nourishment reserves to be dedicated for expenditure in TY 2011 to complete coastal engineering work necessary to develop a new technology plan.
Justification: To cost effectively restore and stabilize all critically eroded beach areas in order to provide storm protection, increased beach width for recreational activities and to develop and maintain a healthy ecosystem.
4. \$450,000 – Allocate to help complete the restoration of the Mound House during TY 2011.
Justification: An investment to open the facility for public use not only provides an additional attraction for the Town, but also allows revenue generation from the facility to help defray the costs.
5. \$390,000 – Establish a reserve fund to be used for a canal and navigation channel dredging and maintenance program.
Justification: Having reserves provides an opportunity to go after matching fund grants to provide financial support for projects like reopening the Laguna Shores channel as well as initiating dredging of canals for navigation and storm water improvements. There may be limited use of these funds in TY 2011, but could be allocated to projects in TY 2012 and/or TY 2013.